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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.
2.30 p.m. Auction of Household Furniture at No. 2 Garden Road, Kowloon.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Boson* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

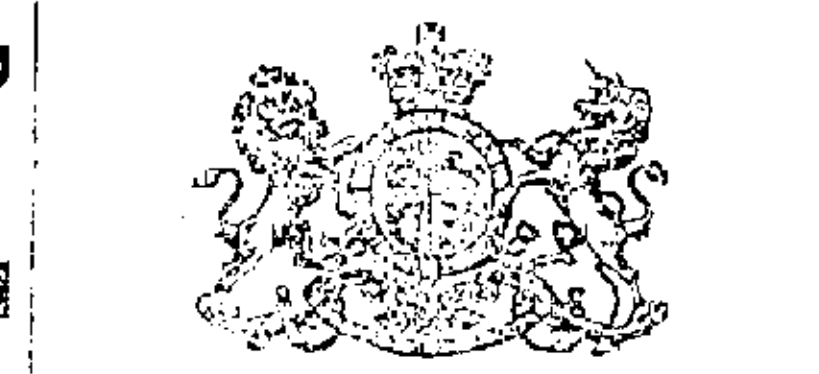
General Memoranda.

Friday, August 1:—
3 p.m. Auction of Leasehold Property (in 2 Lots) at Mr. Geo. P. Lammett's Sales Rooms.
9 p.m. Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Saturday, August 2:—
Noon. Auction of American Ladies' Boots, Gent's Straw Hats, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. R. Lammett's Sales Rooms.
2.30 p.m. Auction of Household Furniture at the Residence of Mr. Charles Ford, No. 1 Albany Road.
2.30 p.m. Auction of Provisions, &c., at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.
Register of Shares of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to the 16th August, inclusive.

Monday, August 4:—
Transfer Books of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to the 18th August, inclusive.

Tuesday, August 5:—
11.45 a.m. Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders of Queen Mines, Ltd., at the Company's Office.
Noon. Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders of Queen Mines, Ltd., at the Company's Office.
Noon. Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd., at the Company's Office.



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The China Mail.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1902.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The letter from 'H.L.D.' published in our issue of Saturday last, deals with a phase of the domestic servant question which is likely in the future to be more in evidence than it was in the old days. We believe 'cutting' the wages of insolent or careless servants is just as common nowadays as it was in the past, and whether the practice is legal or not it is likely to last to the end of time. There are always some super-sensitive souls who seem to think that the laws of the Colony were devised with the single purpose of protecting the poor Chinaman from the monstrous and oppressive conduct of his foreign master, and who would consider 'cutting' a heinous offence of the direst kind. As a matter of fact, it is the practice in large establishments at home to 'cut' wages of employees for carelessness or insolence. We do not know the law on the subject, but of the fact there can be no question; and if this is allowed in England we fail to see that the insolent Chinese servant is being treated with any peculiar or unjustifiable severity if at the end of a month his employer deducts a small sum from his wages. It is generally admitted that the Chinaman of the lower classes is most sensitive in his pocket, and doubtless many of our readers have discovered for themselves, and believing that, on the whole, the Chinese domestic servants are treated very fairly by their employers we heartily endorse our correspondent's plea in favour of 'cutting.'

But 'H.L.D.'s' letter does not touch on a far more serious aspect of the Chinese labour question. The Secretary of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—whose action, we presume, prompted our correspondent's letter—approached the General Chamber of Commerce in regard to a practice that is growing more common in the Colony and presenting very serious difficulties to the employers of skilled labour. Clerks and book-keepers and other trained Chinese have adopted a system which must be tackled by the Government some day if the business of the Colony is not to come to a standstill. These men leave employment without notice, as soon as they find employment elsewhere at a higher salary. No one can well object to an employee leaving to better himself; but it ought to be made a punishable offence for any such man to leave his employment without a month's notice, or some such reasonable period. Employers can safeguard themselves to some extent by co-operating and refusing to employ any applicant till he can show a clean discharge from his previous employer; but, considering the difficulties of dealing with native labour in this port, the matter is one calling for legislative treatment, and we hope 'H.L.D.' will give the Chamber of Commerce and the Government the benefit of his advice and experience upon this side of the question.

Japanese Trade in China.
At a recent meeting of the Hunan Steamship Company, (says the *Kobe Chronicle*), the board of directors adopted resolutions that the first call should be made on the share-money between the 25th and 30th inst., that responsible employees of the company should be sent to China as soon as possible, and that besides Japanese only Chinese should be allowed to hold shares in the company. This is how the provisions in the Treaties regarding perfect freedom of trade are translated.

Health of Hongkong.
Plague carried off 29 victims during the week ended 26th July. The cases for the week numbered 33 (all Chinese), of which 24 were from the City. There were 8 cases of cholera, including 1 European, 1 Japanese and 6 Chinese, and 7 cases were fatal. There was 1 European case of enteric. Other 13 cases of plague, 11 fatal, were reported during the 48 hours ended noon yesterday. The total cases now number 609 for this year, comprising 51 Europeans, 476 Chinese and 10 other Asiatics. The deaths number 181, of which 3 are Europeans and 15 Asiatics other than Chinese.

SUMMER COMPLAINT.
IS the children's most dangerous enemy and the mother's most dreaded foe. Immediate and proper treatment is always necessary. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, given according to directions, is the most effective remedy known. Every household should have a bottle at hand. Get it today. It may save a life. For sale by All Dealers. WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Cholera is epidemic at Nagasaki and district.
Two cases of plague (Chinese) were reported to-day. Both are dead.

An unemployed coolie was sent to jail yesterday for stealing a clock and some boot-laces from the Hongkong Boat Club.

The reserve of gold in the Bank of Japan on the 3rd inst. stood at yen 77,500,000, which is expected to be increased to yen 80,000,000 before long.

A criminal accusation of adultery has been lodged by Mr. A. Jovanen, in the Yokohama Chibo Saibansho, against his wife, Mrs. Jovanen, and Mr. R. G. Hopkins.

The yacht being built at the Mitsui Dockyard as a gift to the Crown Prince of Japan is now receiving finishing touches. It will be finished about the middle of August.

Hotel Dividend.

The Grand Hotel, Yokohama, pays a dividend of 9 yen per share for the past half-year (yen 22,500), writes off yen 15,120.98 and carries forward to new account yen 21,427.87.

The Stag Hotel.

On the occasion of the reopening of the new and extensive premises of the Stag Hotel, which have just been rebuilt after an unique existence in the Colony of 45 years (having been established in 1857), by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. Baillie and Officers, the Band of the 22nd Bombay Infantry will play at the Hotel to-morrow, Wednesday, the 30th July, from 6 to 8 p.m.

March.....'A Frangosa'.....Costa
Overture.....'Banditen Streiche'.....Suppe
Valse.....'Solene Las Olas'.....Tosca
Scherzo.....'San Toy'.....James
Song.....'Love's Old Sweet Song'.....Molloy
Selection.....'A Runaway Girl'.....Kappay

A Windfall.

This morning, at the Magistrate's case of To Yan, lately comrade to Messrs. Louts, Wegener and Co., who was charged with forging promissory notes to the amount of over \$12,000, and was allowed bail of \$10,000, was called, but the defendant failed to answer to his name. Sergeant J. J. Watt was despatched to the office of Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor, who had previously appeared for the defendant, to ascertain if any mistake had been made, but was informed by Mr. Hastings that, so far as he was concerned, he had no more to do with the case, having received no instructions from defendant or his friends. Sergeant Watt informed his Worship, and the bail was declared forfeited to the Crown, while a warrant was also issued for defendant's arrest. To Yan is believed to have left the Colony. Mr. G. C. C. Master, solicitor for the prosecution, had been kept waiting during the absence of Sergeant Watt, and remarks fell both from him and the bench to the effect that it showed a want of courtesy on the part of the solicitor for the defence in not informing the Magistrate, who had intended to devote a whole day to the hearing, that he did not intend to appear.

Accident to the Peak Tram.

Shortly after eight o'clock last night, an accident occurred on the Peak Tramway which had the effect of dislocating the traffic last night and to-day. The car had left the Upper Terminus when the brakesman allowed the brake to slip, with the result that the car stopped very suddenly. Before the machinery in the engine-house could respond, the unbalanced wire cable became entangled in the machinery and sustained serious injury, so that a cessation of traffic became imperative. By the kindness of Commodore Robinson, a large gang of riggers was obtained from the Naval Yard, and it is expected that traffic will be resumed by seven o'clock to-night. The stoppage of the tram caused much inconvenience to business men last night and this morning. As they arrived at the Tram Station, they were confronted with the news that service had not been resumed. Some returned to their houses, but the majority had no option but to trudge down to the city in a drizzling rain-storm. The management have done all they could to facilitate the resumption of the service. The chief consolation to be derived by all concerned lies in the fact that the brakes are so very efficacious as to pull up the cars at an instant's notice. The excuse given by the brakesman is that in the heavy rain his hands became wet and the handle slipped. The brakesman has been dismissed. There was no one in the upper car at the time of the accident, and, we are informed, only one passenger in the lower car.

'You're drunk,' said the solemn-looking stranger, 'do you drink intoxicating beverages?' 'Not with strangers,' said the young man, as he moved away. Thus it will be seen that our best intentions sometimes strike a logical snag.

THE MONEY MARKET IN JAPAN.
Trade generally continues very inactive. The money market of Osaka during the half-year just ended, says the *Osaka Mainichi*, was very quiet, consequent on the general depression of trade. Interest generally ruled low, except in April, when the rates rose a little. There was always a small discrepancy between deposits and advances, and it was therefore anticipated that the profits of banks for the period, excepting those banks which made profits by special transactions in shares or bonds, might be smaller than the profits for the preceding half-year. Upon inquiry the *Mainichi* learns that the banks of Osaka propose to declare or have declared dividend rates ranging from 3 per cent. to 5 per cent. per annum, almost the same as for the preceding period. Some of the banks propose to declare dividends at even higher rates. This is incomprehensible, in view of the unfavourable condition of the money market. It is suggested that in some cases bonds or shares held by banks are estimated at higher value than last year in the accounts, and that this is the reason why similar dividends can apparently be paid while less business has been done.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The King's Park.

On account of the unfavourable weather, the opening of the King's Park has been postponed till Saturday next, the 2nd August.

Water Polo.

On account of several of the V.R.C. members being laid up with fever, the match between the V.R.C. 'A' & 'B' teams will have to be postponed indefinitely.

Plague in Formosa.

A fortnight ago, four new cases of plague and three deaths were reported in the Taipei district, with three cases and two deaths at Toshiyen. This makes the total number of cases from January last 1,587, of which 1,516 have ended fatally.

Departure of H.M.S. 'Terrible'

H.M.S. 'Terrible' left for home to-day, her departure having been delayed for a day by the typhoon. H.M.S. 'Amphitrite' will take her place on the station. The 'Terrible' is, we believe, to take part in the Coronation celebrations at Singapore.

Theft and Rescuing.

A coolie for stealing clothing from the servants' quarters at No. 6, Morrison Hill was sent to prison for two months. To Kam Shing, got a similar term for the theft of a silver watch and chain, a set of silver tooth-picks and some clothing. For receiving the tooth-picks, knowing them to have been stolen, Ng Chau, marine hawker, received six weeks' imprisonment.

Hair-Splitting.

We copy the following for the benefit of the local Bench:—A pretty case for legal hair-splitting is provided by a claim sent in by a public vaccinator for operating on himself. He points out that he is a member of the public, a ratepayer, and that he vaccinated himself in his drawing-room, which is his own recognised surgery. How the guardians are going to deny the logic of the argument, it is not easy to see, unless they claim it as a fallacy on the ground that it is an *argumentum ad hominem*.

Good News if True.

A correspondent writes:—I hear that the richisha coolies at Kowloon are preparing a petition to the Government praying that the Kowloon residents may be allowed to send their servants to the stances for rickshaws for their employers. They say they have no desire to shelter themselves (at any rate, behind a certain decision), and would rather be sent for any day than be left to starve on the stances. (Our correspondent is waggish; we don't believe him.—E.C.M.)

Telegraph Company Notices.

Owing to interruption on the Amoy-Shanghai section for repairs, there will be delay on telegrams to and from the North. Owing to the typhoon, communication with Foochow by land-line is totally interrupted. Telegrams will be sent to Foochow by boat from Sharp Peak when the weather moderates. The following notice was sent out by the Cable Companies to-day:—During the interruption of the landlines, messages will be forwarded from Sharp Peak to Foochow by boat, probably twice daily. A boat left Sharp Peak for Foochow at noon to-day, with all messages on hand, and another leaves at 10 p.m.

Death at Sea.

The *Nagasaki Press* of the 15th inst. says:—The N.Y.K.S. *Saikio-maru*, which arrived at Nagasaki yesterday morning, brought with her the dead body of a 7-year-old lad named Blechynden, the son of Mr. Blechynden, of Arnold, Karlsruhe & Co., of Shanghai. The boy died on Sunday morning at sea, despite the unremitting attention of Captain Young, and the body was taken back by the *Hakata-maru* yesterday afternoon. We are not in possession of such information as would enable us to state the cause of the lad's death. It is impossible to help feeling, however, that it is in the highest degree unfortunate that no doctor was on board the *Saikio-maru*.

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TELEGRAMS.

[WRITER'S SERVICE.]

THE CORONATION.

London, July 29, 1902.
His Majesty held a Privy Council on board the Royal Yacht at Cowes to-day, and signed the Proclamation fixing the Coronation for the 9th August, making that day a Bank holiday.

THE KING'S PRIZE AT BISLEY.

Lieutenant Johnson, of the London Rifle Brigade, is the winner of the King's Prize at the National Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley.

CRICKET.

The Fourth Test Match.

The Fourth Test Match concluded to-day, at Old Trafford, Manchester, has resulted in a win for the Australians by three runs.

BOXING.

The Championship of the World.

In the contest at San Francisco for the Heavy-Weight Championship of the World, Jeffries knocked out Fitzsimmons in the eighth round.

London, July 27, 1902.

Numerous assertions of collusion between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons in their fight for the Heavy-Weight Championship of the World are current in San Francisco. Fitzsimmons was seen to have much the best of the fight until he paused and spoke to Jeffries, who thereupon knocked him down and counted him out.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN PARIS.

The demonstrations against the anti-clerical measures of the French Government were continued in Paris yesterday. Some stones were thrown and blows exchanged, but the demonstrators confined themselves mainly to shouting.

ITALY AND SWITZERLAND.

Relations between Italy and Switzerland are about to be resumed, this being due to the agency of German mediation.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 29th at 11.15 a.m. Black North China coasted. At 11.10 a.m. the typhoon entered the coast to the East of Hongkong last evening, moving Northwards. It is probably filling up.

The Bannings have risen generally, particularly in the neighbourhood of Hongkong. Pressure is high over E. Japan, and a depression is advancing Eastwards over Manchuria.

Moderate to strong S.E. to S.W. winds along the China coast.
Forecast: moderate S.W. winds, squally, rainy.

12.25 p.m.—The Central Police Station informs us by telephone that the typhoon signal (black cone, pointing upwards) has been taken down.
The British steamer *Hong Lee* reports: From Singapore to Cape Padaran, fresh S.W. monsoon. Padaran to 10° N; light N.N.W. to N.N.E. winds, with indication of a typhoon to the eastward. On 27th, at 9 a.m., anchored in St. Johns Roads for shelter, lowest barometer there 29.42, wind N.N.E. to N.E. Left St. Johns, July 28th at 6 a.m., and arrived here at 4 p.m., wind during that time North to N.W. and N. Barometer on arrival 29.32.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LD.

Yesterday afternoon, the sixth annual general meeting of shareholders in the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., was held. Mr. G. H. McDougal, Chairman, presided, and there were also present: Messrs. E. J. Libaud, A. Ritchie, J. Galt, J. D. Auld, W. H. Wickham, and G. R. Edwards (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your consent, to take them as read. It is satisfactory that notwithstanding the increased working expenses, and the greater competition met with, the profits for the past 12 months are very nearly equal to those of the previous year, and the General Meeting recommends the payment of the same dividend, viz., 50 per cent. on the ordinary shares, and \$10.00 on the founders' shares, and the transfer of \$3,000 to reserve, bringing that fund up to \$8,000. I do not think the accounts need much explanation. The principal asset, the stock of material on hand, has been carefully checked by Mr. D. Macdonald, marine surveyor. We have not considered it necessary to write down this year the value of the steam launch *Gladiator*. The launch has been well kept up and is in first-class condition, and for the sale for considerably more than its book value. Before proposing the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

No questions being asked, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts.
Mr. W. H. Wickham:—I beg to record the motion, and in doing so I wish to congratulate the general managers and the staff on the successful working of the past year.
The motion was agreed to.
On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. Ritchie, the resolution of Mr. W. H. Hutton, F.R.S., was agreed to.
The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow (Tuesday).

KWANGSI NOTES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

Kwulin, July 9.
The cholera seems to continue with unabated virulence, for numbers of dead are daily carried out to burial, or what is worse to be put into one of the large mortuaries, if one may use such a word, to await burial at a convenient or lucky occasion. These places are perfect pest-houses at all times. What they will be now can be imagined. Coffins often remain in them for years. It is to be hoped that the officials will step in and have them cleared.

THE WEATHER.

The weather also continues to be very bad, rain, rain, continuous rain. The people say that there has not been such a time for many years. Certainly the three previous summers have been of a very different character. It has been as cold as if it were November.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

The bad weather has evidently been interfering with the mails, there having been only one a week, instead of the regular three. Speaking of the mails, let me say that now there is a through connection to Changsha, the capital of Hunan, with intervening offices at Siang Tan, Heng Chen, Yui Chai and Tsuen Chao. The representative of the Chinese Imperial Post Office at Changsha arrived a few days ago for the purpose of completing the arrangements. There will be twelve mails per month each way. The runners get 9000 cash, which is about equal to \$10, but out of this have to pay all their own expenses. There ought to be a large business, for these parts are largely peopled with Hunanese. If the telegraph line was also completed between these two capitals, there would be an alternative route between North and South China.

EDUCATIONAL.

The old Ti Yung Hsiao Tang, opened three years ago, has now entered on a new lease of life, and has been named in accordance with this the Kwangsi Ti Hsiao Tang. It has not yet received its full complement of students. With competent teachers, it ought to do well, for there is a great demand for Western learning. But unfortunately this necessary qualification for success is wanting. The supply of books for the men to use is not yet to hand, so for the present its progress is prevented. The students are confined within the College precincts, which, fortunately, are healthy, only being allowed to come out on Sundays, on which day there are no lectures.

EXERCISING THE PLAGUE.

The sixth month was ushered in by remarkable celebrations, for the purpose of exercising the plague. The whole populace kept the same ceremonies as at the New Year. In fact, they called it 'Passing the Year,' in the same way. All signs and idol papers were torn down and new ones put up. For three days, all shops were shut, and next to nothing could be bought. Fire-crackers, etc., kept up the illusion that the 'New Year' had actually arrived. The streets were almost deserted, there not being the usual calling as at the true New Year. The *chiao shiao* of all this was apparently to get the demons to believe that the time had gone by when it was fitting to afflict the people with this cholera. Or, again, as others said, already enough people have died to satisfy the demand for one year.

Among the many remarkable processes, usually unknown in Kwilin, before the 'New Year' was one in which a tortoise was taken down to the river, to be either drowned or liberated, it having been regarded by some one that the Ch'ien God was inhabiting its body. But in spite of all this, I do not think that the epidemic has decreased at all, but as it is impossible to arrive at any reliable figures it must remain a matter of doubt for the present. I hear that the disease is gradually spreading to the North, has passed over into Hunan, passing Tsuen Chao and Yui Chao, but has not yet reached Heng Chao, the city where it will be remembered, the Roman Catholic Bishop and priests were massacred during the Boxer troubles. Their destroyed property has been restored, and now also the London Mission, from Hankow, has three missionaries there.

THE REBELLION.

There is no more news of the rebellion to hand.

Serious Accident at Yokohama.

Mr. E. G. Swan, a well-known athlete in Yokohama, has been operated on at the General Hospital for appendicitis. According to the *Japan Gazette*, after the operation had been successfully performed, Mr. Swan, so far as can be known, was left unaccountably alone. He rose from his bed, and in the dazed condition resulting from the illness it is stated he inadvertently put his head through a glass door, seriously injuring his eye. It is hoped, however, that the accident will not effect any permanent injury to Mr. Swan's sight.

NOT A MINUTE.

SHOULD be lost after a child shows symptoms of cholera infection. The first painful spasms of the bowels should be sufficient warning. If immediate and proper treatment is given, serious consequences will be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the sole reliance of thousands of mothers and by its aid they have often saved their children's lives. Every household should have a bottle at hand. Get it today. It may save a life. For sale by All Dealers. WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

FRENCHMEN FOR FRENCH VESSELS.

Interesting Case at Hongkong.

To-day, at the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Wils, a case of considerable interest to ship-owners and others was heard. H. C. Hansen, engineer, said Mr. A. R. Marty, ship-owner, for 24 months and 7 days, Mr. Grist, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Goldring, solicitor, for the defendant.

Mr. Goldring applied for an adjournment of the case, but it was not granted. His Lordship said: "Is it not the case that Mr. Grist is not the plaintiff?"

Mr. Grist—No. His Lordship—I managed to get down from the peak without the tram. I dare say there are a lot of sick people to-day. It was decided to go on with the case in the defendant's absence.

His Lordship (addressing Mr. Grist)—I see you are practically suing on French Articles and Rules. Mr. Grist—Yes, my Lord, I have got this statement from him (the plaintiff) that the Rules and Articles bear a close resemblance to those of the French. It was not stated that the plaintiff signed his name on the Articles, but he authorised his name to be put there, which was quite sufficient. There was also the statement of the Captain that the Rules were those of the French, and that the plaintiff had referred to French subjects only, whatever the French law on the subject might be. The plaintiff had a deliberate contract with Mr. Marty that for four months notice was to be given and taken on either side.

Mr. Goldring said he was prepared to admit that there was a clause stating 4 months' notice.

Mr. Grist said there was no doubt about it for they had the statement of Captain Hansen to the effect that this clause and the Rules were those of the French. The plaintiff had referred to French subjects only, whatever the French law on the subject might be. The plaintiff had a deliberate contract with Mr. Marty that for four months notice was to be given and taken on either side.

The plaintiff said he was a native of Denmark, and was engaged, on Christmas Day, 1900, in Hongkong, as third engineer of the steamship *Hongkong*. The chief engineer (Marty) took him to the new Rules. Everything was all right, and he went on board next day. There were no articles in the office, the Captain having them on the ship. His wages were \$50 a month and \$35 for board money. Witness did not see the ship's papers, neither when he joined the *Hongkong* nor since. The chief engineer told him that his name was put in the Articles. Witness did not read French.

The chief engineer told plaintiff that the four months' notice was given. Witness continued on the ship till the 1st April. Witness was told in Hongkong that he would have to leave the ship, the reason given for his dismissal being that the vessel had got to carry French engineers on board.

In answer to questions by Mr. Goldring, plaintiff said he had been twelve years at sea, ten of which had been on the Chinese coast. Different ships had different terms of notice. In a German ship, it would be five months' notice.

The evidence of Captain J. T. Pannier, which had been taken by the Registrar on the 26th inst., was to the effect that he had been master of the *Hongkong* for 24 years. The chief engineer engaged the plaintiff as third engineer. The chief engineer gave witness the plaintiff's name, and he reported it to the Registrar at the French Consulate according to custom. The chief engineer signed the Articles, because foreigners never did so. They only required their name on the Articles in case of necessity, and the French Consul entered them. The plaintiff did not sign any paper, nor did witness give him any. He was not aware whether Mr. Marty or the chief engineer had done so. There were certain Rules attached to the Articles. These had been mislaid, and he had not got them with him. The rule relating to the engagement of officers and engineers was that three with the ship and a French port must be returned to the port of engagement, and they could not be discharged at a foreign port except by consent. Foreigners might be discharged, but not Frenchmen. They were discharged in Hongkong on 7th April, notice having been given on the 2nd April in Hongkong. There was no reason why the plaintiff did not sign the Articles. It was the custom of the ship, and there was another engineer—a Frenchman—to take his place, and he (witness) was compelled to take this board. Plaintiff had been about a year on the ship, and during that time, there was the case of a man named Kandy, who was discharged under similar circumstances. This chief engineer was supposed to know the rule relating to 24 hours' notice. Witness believed that he did in this case, as he exercised the power in Kandy's case. The chief engineer was a foreigner, and he was on the Articles on the same footing as other foreigners. It was also customary for engineers and officers on other ships to give 24 hours' notice, and the notice was reciprocal. This had happened several times since witness had been in command of the ship. Wages were paid at the end of the month on the ship's arrival in Hongkong.

Cross-examined by Mr. Grist, witness said the original Articles on which plaintiff's name appeared were in Hongkong. Witness entered plaintiff's name on these Articles, and the Consul signed it. The Articles were at the office of the Consulate de Marine in the archives. Witness gave the Rules attached to the Articles to Mr. A. R. Marty on or about the 10th April. The Articles were not complete without the Rules. When he gave the Rules to Mr. Marty, the claim had already been made. Mr. Marty had said witness that the papers had disappeared from off his table. The Rules were pointed out and were available. Only Frenchmen were bound by the ship's Articles, only the Rules did not say so. The steamer was not subsidised by the French Government because of the foreign engineers on board. He could only say that the case would not get a subsidy as long as there was a foreign crew. The subsidy might be allowed as long as the Captain and Chief Engineer were French. This law had not yet passed. The Rules provided for four months' notice on both sides. These Rules were attached to the Articles when plaintiff's name was entered.

Mr. Goldring contended that it was the custom of other engineers and officers, that only 24 hours' notice be given. He also stated that plaintiff being a foreigner was not put on the Articles at all, and therefore was not subject to them. It was the practice, he held, in all ports to have a short notice system, and it was so with

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 29th and Thursday, the 31st July, at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th August, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st July, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

F. A. HEWITT, Shareholder.

Insurances.

Strongest in the World.

TOO MUCH LIFE ASSURANCE?

Do you think your wife and children will think it too much after it is paid—and it is too late to get any more?

Looking at it in that light, wouldn't you feel more comfortable if you had a little more life insurance? Ask the Agent for the Policy best suited to your particular requirements.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

F. KIENE, Manager, Hongkong.

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, EDINBURGH AND LONDON.

Capital: £3,000,000. Invested Funds: £4,990,000. Annual Income: £1,000,000. Fire Insurance effected at current rates. Terms and particulars may be had on application to the Agents in Hongkong.

SANDER, WILHELM & Co., Agents in Hongkong.

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Incorporated in the Town of Queen Anne, A.D. 1714). Capital Fully Subscribed, £450,000. Capital Paid Up, £180,000. Total Invested Funds Exceed £2,450,044. Total Annual Income, £1,103,883.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co., Agents.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Total Funds at 31st December, 1901: £1,722,503. Authorised Capital: £3,000,000. Subscribed Capital: £2,750,000. Paid-up Capital: £637,500. Fire Funds: £2,695,548.

HAVING been appointed Agents of the above Company we are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire at Current Rates.

HOTZ, SJACOB & Co., Agents.

TO TOURISTS AND TRAVELLERS.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY grants policies to Travelers for three or six months, WITHOUT MEDICAL EXAMINATION. For particulars of Scheme, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK, LIMITED.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 PER CENT per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL: £1,000,000. PAID UP CAPITAL: £234,574.

Head Office—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors: CHAN KIT-SHAN, Esq., C. EWERS, Esq., CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq., J. L. FOCKE, Esq., Esq.

Chief Manager: GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed ... 5%.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12th NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL: £5,000,000. PAID-UP CAPITAL: £2,000,000.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI. BRANCHES AND AGENCIES: CANTON, PEKING, CHING, PENANG, SHINGAPORE, CHUNGKING, TIENTSIN, HANKOW.

THE BANK PURCHASES and receives for Collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH. Advances made on approved securities. Bills Discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 Months ... 3% " 6 " ... 4% " 12 " ... 5%.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL: £1,500,000. SUBSCRIBED: £1,125,000. PAID UP: £682,500. RESERVE FUND: £50,000.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits: For 12 Months ... 4% " 6 " ... 3% " 3 " ... 2%.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: £10,000,000. RESERVE FUND: £10,000,000. Sterling Reserve: £10,000,000. Silver Reserve: £4,250,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS: Hon. H. SHEWAN, Chairman. A. HARRY, Esq., Deputy Chairman. Hon. C. W. DICKSON, Esq., J. A. Raymond, Esq., E. Goetz, Esq., H. Schubert, Esq., G. H. Medhurst, Esq., N. A. Slob, Esq., Esq., H. W. Slob, Esq., D. Meyer-Moses, Esq., H. E. Tomkins, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGERS: Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH, Manager. Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS, Manager. London—H. M. BEVIS, Manager. Banking Co., Ltd.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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Vessels Arriving as Lading			
Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of L.
Australian Ports.....	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	July 30.
Bremen, &c.	Kiautschau (s)	Melchers & Co.	August 7, nt
Bombay and Ceylon.....	Kailong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	August 1.
Havre and Hamburg.....	St. Peter Land (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	July 30.
Havre and Hamburg.....	C. Perd Land (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	August 28.
Havre and Hamburg.....	Ambria (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	August 14.
Havre and Hamburg.....	Kontigsberg (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	September
Kobe and Yokohama.....	Taketa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 1, Da
Kobe & Yokohama.....	Silene Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 16, Da
Liverpool.....	Pyrrius (s)	Butterfield & Swire	September
London.....	Ulysses (s)	Butterfield & Swire	August 7.
London.....	Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	September
London and Liverpool.....	Dardanus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	September
London, &c.	Telamon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	August 19.
London, &c.	Valotta (s)	B. & O. S. N. Co.	Aug. 2, &c.
London v. Suez Canal.....	Bankowsky (s)	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.	Aug. 2, &c.
Manila.....	Rosetta Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Aug. 7, nt
Manila and Cebu.....	Diamanto (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Aug. 21, nt
Marsallus, Lorn, &c.	Buge Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 9, Da
Nagasaki and Kobe.....	Kwanago (s)	Butterfield & Swire	August 2.
New York v. Suez Canal.....	Bendouch (s)	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.	About July 30.
New York v. Suez Canal.....	Atholl (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About July 30.
Nagasaki & V'ostock.....	Savoin (s)	Hamburg-Amerika Linie	July 30, nt
Shanghai.....	Whampoa (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	July 30.
Shanghai.....	Chusan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 6.
Stow, Amoy & Amoy.....	Maizuru Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Aug. 6.
Stow, Amoy & Amoy.....	Daiji Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Aug. 19.
Stow, Amoy & Amoy.....	Daiji Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Aug. 19.
Stow, Amoy & F'choo.....	Shingai Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Aug. 20.
Swatow & Tientsin.....	Nanchang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	July 30.
Sydney and Melbourne.....	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 2, nt
Swore, Penang, Cebu.....	Kousang (s)	Indie, MacLachlan & Co.	Aug. 20, nt
Swore, Penang, Amoy.....	Chung (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About July 30.
Vancouver (B.C.).....	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P. & O. Co.	August 6.
Vancouver (B.C.).....	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P. & O. Co.	July 27.
Vancouver (B.C.).....	Arctar (s)	Canadian P. & O. Co.	Sept. 10.
Victoria, B. C., Seattle.....	Tosa Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	July 30, nt
Victoria, B. C., Seattle.....	Taka Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 11, nt
Yokohama, C. P. Coast.....	Doi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Aug. 21, nt
Yma, Shai, Moit, &c.	Ceylon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	August 2.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quoted Cash.
DANES.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	20,000	£ 123	£ 11	£ 50 1/2, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	19,970	£ 10	£ 1	£ 100, London, £t3
	20,050	£ 10	£ 1	£ 8 3/4, buyers
	750	£ 1	£ 1	£ 8 3/4, buyers
Do. Founders' shares				£ 110, sellers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Capton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	£ 50	£ 10 1/2, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£ 33.23	£ 23	£ 23, sellers
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	£ 17, 1874, sellers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£ 100	£ 20	£ 10 liquidation
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	£ 200	£ 60	£ 33 3/4, buyers
Yanztze Insurance Association, Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 60	£ 110
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	£ 100	£ 20	£ 81

DOCKERS, ETC.					
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$	70	all	\$230, sellers
Gao Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$	25	all	\$48, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$	67	all	\$34, buyers
S. C. Farman, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	Tls.	100	Tls.	200, ex div.
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.					
Ch'ng and Manli & S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$	635, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	10,000	\$	59	\$	6, nominal
H. K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	59	\$	533, sellers
Ho-ehing S. N. Company, Limited	80,000	\$	15	\$	15, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	80,000	\$	10	\$	5-5
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	\$	\$207, sellers
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	\$	\$11
Toku Toku and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	100	Tls.	20, buyers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	100	Tls.	175
Co-operative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls.	100	Tls.	145, buyers
REFINERIES.					
Cina Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$	100	all	\$104, sellers
Luen Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$	100	all	\$20, sellers
Purak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	77
WHEATERS.					

DOCKS, ETC.					
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000 \$	70	all	\$220, sellers	
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.....	6,000 \$	25	\$8	\$48, sales & buyers	
New Army Dock Co., Ltd.....	6,000 \$	07	\$2	\$36, buyers	
S. C. & Co. China, Hong & Canton	56,700 Tls.	100	Tls100	Tls. 200, ex div.	
STEAMSHIPS, TRUG, ETC.					
China and Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd..	20,000 \$	50	\$5	\$35, sellers	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited ..	10,000 \$	50	\$	nominal	
HK. S. S. Co. M. S. S. Company, Ltd.	20,000 \$	50	all	\$43, sellers	
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	80,000 \$	15	\$18	\$93, sellers	
Sat Ferry Company, Ltd.	80,000 \$	10	all	\$85	
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000 \$	10	all	\$207, sellers	
Tekin Tok & Co., Ltd.	2,000 Tls.	1	\$1	\$12, sellers	
Tekin Tok & Co., Ltd.	2,000 Tls.	100	Tls100	Tls. 20, buyers	
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	8,000 \$	30	Tls50	Tls. 175	
Co-operative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	3,000 Tls.	100	Tls100	Tls. 135, buyers	
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	2,000 \$	100	all	\$104, sellers	
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.....	1,000 \$	100	all	\$20, sellers	
Purak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd....	7,000 Tls.	30	Tls50	Tls. 77	
WHARVES.					
H.K. & Kw. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000 \$	50	all	\$85, sales & sellers	
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co..	20,100 Tls.	100	Tls100	Tls. 285, buyers	
AGENCIES AND OUTPOSTS.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000 \$	100	100	\$173, sellers	
Shaughli Land Investment Co., Ltd.	30,000 Tls.	50	Tls50	Tls. 117, ex div.	
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000 \$	50	\$30	\$30, sellers	
Wei-wei Land and Building Co., Ltd.	3,704 Tls.	25	Tls25	Tls. 184, sellers	
Thomphrey Estate & Finance Co.	100,000 \$	10	all	\$5, sellers	
West Point Building Co., Limited..	12,500 \$	50	all	\$65, sellers	
TRADWAYS.					
H.K. High-Land Tradways Co., Ltd.	1,250 \$	100	all	\$50, buyers	
MINES.					
Jeleba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd..	60,000 \$	5	all	\$0 cents, buyers	
New Nunjon Mining Co., Ltd.....	60,000 \$	10	all	\$4, sellers	
" " Preference shares.....	30,000 \$	1	all	\$1.25, sellers	
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,500 \$	25	all	\$500	
Queen's Mine, Limited.....	400,000 \$	25	cents	5	
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd..	200,000 £	1	18/10	\$88, sellers	
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	115,000 \$	5	all	Nom.	
" " "	245,000 \$	5	all	Nom.	

Yongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.,	12,000	\$	50	all	\$135, sellers
Origo Hotel, Manila	7,000	\$	50	50	\$45, sellers
Asor Home Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	4,500	T.T.S.	50	100	\$15, 140 buyers
Asor Home Hotel Ltd. (Shanghai)	2,500	\$	100	100	\$200, buyers
DISPENSARIES.					
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	\$	10	all	\$143, sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$	10	all	\$64, buyers
LIGHTING.					
BECK & China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	£	10	all	\$160, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,500	T.T.S.	50	115.50	\$12, 120, ex div.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	20,000	\$	10	10	\$12, sellers
New Electric Co. (new shares)	30,000	\$	10	5	\$94, sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	15	15	\$21, sellers
FINANCIALS.					
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	29,000	\$	50	50	\$20, sellers
San's Ambrosia Refining Agency					

14. Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	10	10	12	0	10	buyers
15. Wongsong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	8	10	8	1	89, mules & sellers	
16. K. Steam Water-hut Co., Ltd.	7,000	5	10	8	1	8173, buyers	
17. Wongsong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	10	8	1	894, buyers	
18. Wongsong Ice Factory, Limited	2,000	5	10	8	1	8242, buyers	
19. Wongsong Water-hut Co., Ltd.	20,000	30	10	8	1	8173, ex div	
20. Wongsong Planting Company, Ltd.	20,000	30	10	8	1	8173, ex div	
21. Wongsong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	10	8	1	8173, buyers	
22. Wongsong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	10,000	5	10	8	1	8173, buyers	
23. Wongsong Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	12,500	10	10	10	10	8173, buyers	
24. Wongsong International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	10	10	10	8173, buyers	

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Atlantic-Steel Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 140	Tls. 140	Tls. 45, sellers
Bye Onco Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 150
Indian Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$ 25	\$ 10	\$10, sellers
Indian Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	\$ 20	\$ 15	\$25, sellers
Universal Trading Co.	20,000	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$21, sellers
Johnson Finno Co. Ltd.	3,200	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 85
Stumpell, Moore & Co., Ltd. et	12,000	\$ 10	all	\$24, buyers
M. Powell, Limited	12,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$35, sellers
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Stimpine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$45
Manbra Limited.	200	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$500, Non.

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